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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

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MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION,	)	
<i>et al.</i>	)	<b>FEDERAL DEFENDANTS'</b>
	)	<b>MOTION TO SEVER AND</b>
Plaintiffs,	)	<b>TRANSFER WYOMING AND</b>
v.	)	<b>NEVADA CLAIMS</b>
	)	
RYAN ZINKE, Secretary of the Interior,	)	
<i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
Federal Defendants.	)	
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Federal Defendants hereby move the Court for an order severing and transferring certain claims in this case to the Districts of Wyoming and Nevada. The amended complaint seeks review of eleven leasing decisions involving oil and gas lands in three states (four in Montana, four in Wyoming, and three in Nevada).

*See* First Amended Complaint, ECF No. 19, ¶¶ 62-85. In addition, they challenge three agency policy documents. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, Federal Defendants ask the Court to sever the seven claims relating to leasing decisions in Wyoming and Nevada and transfer them to those judicial districts. Federal Defendants do not request transfer of the four claims relating to leasing decisions in Montana, nor of the three claims directed at policy documents.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of July, 2018.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing is being filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, thereby serving it on all parties of record on July 3, 2018.

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